

# Research Ethics Policy

## 1. Aim and purpose

The Courtauld Institute of Art is committed by its Strategic Plan to achieving international standards and world recognition in research and research led teaching. Fundamental to this commitment to research is a commitment to research ethics and integrity. The Courtauld Institute of Art and its members are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards, and to foster the values of integrity, openness, honesty, tolerance, fairness, accountability and responsibility.

This policy aims to provide a framework for research ethics at The Courtauld. This is done by:

- Setting out ethical principles and procedures that The Courtauld requires researchers to follow.
- Defining research misconduct and the procedure for assessing and addressing it.
- Defining the obligations of

- Research ethics: The moral principles guiding research, from its inception through to completion and publication or dissemination of results and beyond. These principles are set out in section 4.
- Research misconduct: Conduct or performance by a researcher of The Courtauld that exhibits one or more of the characteristics set out in section 6. The existence of any of these characteristics is indicative of research that has failed to meet The Courtauld's principles of ethical research.
- Research participants: Living individuals who are the focus of and/or participants in research.
- Researcher: Any member of The Courtauld conducting research at any level, including staff and students, and any other person (regardless of their status) engaged in research under the auspices of The Courtauld or on behalf of or in association with The Courtauld (for example, independent contractors, consultants, visiting staff, staff from other institutions, emeritus staff, and staff on joint or honorary contracts).

#### 4.

civil, legal and/or financial position of national and foreign researchers and scholars, and the inherent power position that may exist between the researcher and those being studied. Ensure that there is no undeclared conflict of interest (whether personal, academic, or commercial) in their research. Sources of



